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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

- 1) Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following amended version.

[0046] Systems and methods are disclosed for providing a usage monitoring telephony service. A service-providing network, which has the capability of monitoring attributes, including duration, for calls that traverse it, provides usage-monitoring services for calls directed to a telephony device on a native transport network. The native transport network is a network that naturally carries a subscriber's calls but does not have the capabilities required to provide usage monitoring. The system uses a virtual number to map a service in the service-provider network with a device in the native transport network. The usage monitoring services ~~provide a means to~~ capture usage-monitoring data for multiple telephone numbers in multiple native transport networks.

- 2) Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended version.

[0002] This application relates to United States Application No. 10/245,153 (Attorney Docket No. BS02137), filed 17 September 2002, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING ADVANCED TELEPHONY SERVICES USING A VIRTUAL TELEPHONE NUMBER," the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. This patent application also relates to United States Application No. 10/245,518 (Attorney Docket No. BS02145), filed 17 September 2002, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING ADVANCED TELEPHONY SERVICES USING A VIRTUAL TELEPHONE NUMBER," of which the "Brief Summary of the Invention" section and the "Detailed Description of the Invention" section are incorporated herein by reference.

- 3) Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following amended version.

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[0014] More of the embodiments allow the service-providing network to monitor the usage (e.g., to provide a billing service) of a telecommunications service in a separate native transport network. For example, a wireline service provider may use an embodiment to monitor usage for a subscriber in a wireless network (in addition to within the wireline network).